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1. The State School for Nursing #2 (Panstwowa Szkoła Pielęgniarstwa #2) was one of four schools of this category existing in Warsaw in 1954. Up to 1949 it was a private school for female nurses run by a convent. It was located at 9 Wilcza Street in a five-story building. The Warsaw Nursing School, a prewar institution went out of existence after the war and its building at 78 Koszykowa Street was occupied by the Military Hospital of the Ministry of National Defense.
2. The State School for Nursing #2 offered a two year course and had an enrollment of about 200 girls. The majority of the students lived in the school dormitory, excepting those who were from Warsaw and lived with their families. To be eligible, candidates had to be at least 16 years old and have at least seven years of elementary education. The general level of education of accepted students had gradually declined since 1949; at that time more than 50% of the students had high school certificates (matura). In the 1953 - 1954 school year, all the students had only an elementary education; most of them were only 16 years old and of peasant origin. The students were neat in their general appearance and well disciplined in their behavior. Their attitude toward learning, however, was not serious enough. One of the instructors complained that the students were too young and not serious enough in their jobs, especially in the hospital wards where they received practical training during the school years.
3. limited information about the curriculum. The program of the school alternated between lectures on theory and practical training. The theoretical lectures were divided into three groups, called Theory I, Theory II, and Theory III. Each theory group lasted six to eight weeks, during which the students did not receive any practical training, and ended with an examination. For each theory group the students were divided into two sections of about 30 students each.

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Lectures on psychiatry and neurology were included in the third theory group and consisted of about 30 hours. Some of the lectures were held at the Psychiatric Clinic of the Warsaw Medical Academy in Pruszkow (N 52-10, E 20-50).

4. Graduates from the school were assigned to different hospitals and clinics throughout the country by a placement commission which assigned them according to directives issued by the Ministry of Health.

the school had a great deal of influence in assigning nursing jobs.

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